deep shaft mining and incline mining; and

(e) what is the total investment made after nationalisation for modernisation in coal mines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) During the last 3 years the profit earned/loss suffered by Coal India Limited, was as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Profit earned/loss suffered (+)=Profit (—)=Loss
1988-89	(—) 23·26
1989-90	(+) 80·13
1990-91	Accounts are being finalised

(b) and (c) Coal is being supplied to core sectors like power, cement etc. on a higher priority. Because of more coal being made available to core sectors, there have been some shortfalls in supply to industrial consumers.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) According to information received from Coal India Limited investment of approximately Rs. 9508 crores has been made on coal mines including modernisation, after nationalisation.

Stock of coal at pit heads

22. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pit head stock of coal are going up over the years, if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) what is the present stock of coal at pit heads in terms of quantity and value and the stock at the end of three preceding years; and

(c) what are the plans drawn by Government, if the stocks are more than the optimum level at which these pit head stocks should be maintained and the steps taken to reduce these stocks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) The pit-head stocks of coal have been going up over the years because o fincrease in mining activities as also difficulties in evacuating all the coal that is mined.

(b) The present pit-head stocks of coal, as per the provisional figures provided by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) are 33.797 million tonnes (on 31-7-91). Taking the average pit-head price of CIL coal as Rs. 249 per tonne, and SCCL coal as Rs. 297 per tonne, the total value of the current pit-head stocks is approximately Rs. 843.2 crores. The pit-head stocks of CIL and SCCL at the end of three preceding years were as follows:—

(Million tonnes)

	CIL	SCCL
31-3-91	41·88	0·730
31-3-90	36·63	0·579
31-3-89	33·09	0·497

(c) Coal Companies have been advised to maximine despatches so that the

level of stocks comes down. Despatches are being monitored on daily basis. In CIL 57 mines have been brought under Liberalised Sales Scheme of Coal, so that faster evacuation of coal stocks takes place. Due to these efforts, the pit-head stocks of CIL and SCCL have come down from 42.6 million tonnes on 31.3.91 to 33.797 million tonnes as on 31.7.91.

Development of Non-Conventional Sources of Energy in Rajasthan during Seventh Plan Period

23. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total fund allocation or development of the non-conventional sources of Energy in Rajasthan during Seventh Plan Period along with the details thereof; and

(b) what was the amount utilised alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Solar Power Station at Mathania in Jodhpur

24. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the fund allocation for the solar power station at Mathania, Jodhpur sector in Rajasthan and how much amount has been spent on this project; and

(b) by when the setting up of this solar power station is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The funds allocated and the completion date of the proposed solar power station at Mathania near Jodhpur will be known after the techno-economic viability of the project has been established by the Central Electricity Authority and the proposal has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards

25. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outstanding dues of the State Electricity Boards to the central power generating agencies like NTPC, NHPC etc. have been gradually soaring and have reached an unprecedented high level;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to recover the dues and the time frame therefor; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to probe into the working of the SEBs which have remained perpetual defaulters to central agencies and to enforce improved financial operation of the country's power generation and distribution network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Statement giving statewise details of outstanding dues payable to the National Thermal Power Corporation, National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation as on 31-7-1991, is attached. (*See* below)